

Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Precipitation was below average for most of Colorado last week. Soil moisture remains low throughout the state. Temperatures across the State were slightly below-average for this time of year. These conditions allowed farmers 6.3 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
Very Short Short Adequate Surplu							
This Week	27	43	29	1			
Last Week	16	41	42	1			
Last Year	2	14	78	6			

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
Very Short Short Adequate Surplus							
This Week	25	46	28	1			
Last Week	18	40	41	1			
Last Year	3	20	72	5			

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 89 percent jointed and 26 percent headed this week with the crop rated in mostly poor to fair condition. Spring barley was 97 percent seeded and 78 percent emerged by week's end and the crop is in mostly fair to good condition. Spring wheat was 77 percent planted, 50 percent emerged, and in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: The 2008 corn crop was 82 percent planted and 28 percent emerged last week. Dry onions were 94 percent planted with the crop in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 55 percent planted and 14 percent emerged, while fall potatoes were 67 percent planted. Sugarbeets were 92 percent planted and 20 percent up to stand by week's end. Farmers had 14 percent of the sunflowers planted.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT Week ending May 18, 2008							
	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
	Poor						
	W	inter W	heat				
This Week	19	30	32	18	1		
Last Year	2	5	18	50	25		
Spring Barley							
This Week	2	9	26	39	24		
Last Year	2	6	25	38	29		
Spring Wheat							
This Week	3	10	35	32	20		
Last Year	2	7	24	40	27		

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair to poor last week. However, the alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with 9 percent of the first cutting complete.

Livestock: Ninety-seven percent of cows have calved since January 1st and 97 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were both rated at average. Stored feed supplies are slightly below average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 18, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel- lent		
Pasture & Range-2008	15	28	39	17	1		
Prev. Year – 2007	1	3	31	52	13		
5-Year Avg.	11	21	36	27	5		

Spring 2008 Calving and Lambing						
	2008 5-Yr Av					
Cows Calved since Jan 1	97	98				
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	97	98				

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Development Ratings for Week Ending May 18, 2008

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Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	89	81	97	93
Headed	26	14	35	40
Spring Barley				
Seeded	97	94	99	98
Emerged	78	64	87	75
Spring Wheat				
Planted	77	68	92	89
Emerged	50	34	68	55
Corn				
Planted	82	55	77	75
Emerged	28	12	25	27
Dry Onions				
Planted	94	93	100	100
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	55	46	73	69
Emerged	14	4	25	32
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	67	50	69	67
Sugarbeets				
Planted	92	76	100	99
Up to Stand	20	8	43	47
Sorghum				
Planted	10	7	21	20
Sunflowers				
Planted	14	5	15	6
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	9	4	9	8
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COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/							
Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Spring Barley	2	9	26	39	24		
Winter Wheat	19	30	32	18	1		
Spring Wheat	3	10	35	32	20		
Alfalfa	1	5	35	43	16		
Dry Onions	0	4	26	55	15		
Sugarbeets	2	7	35	51	5		
Livestock	0	9	37	42	12		

^{1/} Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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